



## Witnesses Relate Story of Disappearance of \$50,000 From Edmonton Post Office

Trial of Former Postmaster George S. Armstrong Begins in the Supreme Court Before Justice Simmons and a Jury—Evidence Is Given by Employees of the Post Office

Before Mr. Justice Simmons the Armstrong post office case was referred in the criminal court on Monday morning. The indictment, composed of the following: Messrs. G. J. Thompson, A. L. Lethbridge, A. D. McLean, W. H. Parker, Edward Gilbert and Roy Lewis. The defense is represented by Mr. J. D. O'Gorman, Mr. G. C. McLean, Mr. G. H. O'Connor, K.C. and J. D. O'Gorman. Mr. H. Parker, K.C. is for the Department of Justice. Mr. D. Byers, Mr. C. Cogswell and Mr. E. Cogswell for the attorney general. Mr. J. D. O'Gorman, Armstrong's lawyer, read the charge against Mr. Armstrong's reading.

For that he, the said George S. Armstrong, Postmaster of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta on or about the 21st day of April, 1919, unlawfully did steal three registered mail letters containing money to the sum of \$50,000 in paper currency, from the custody of the Postmaster of Edmonton, at the Post Office at Edmonton, Alberta, which letters he did then and were addressed to the Merchants Bank of Canada, Edmonton, and was then in the possession of the Merchants Bank of Canada.

Mr. Cogswell's Evidence.

The first witness called at the afternoon trial was R. Evans, a postman who was on duty at the post office at the time the money from the post office was stolen. He says the post office was closed. The Bank came in, laid them on a table, and then he was told to go home.

He then made out the usual counterfoils and then went to the post office in the pigeonhole, and obtained the keys of the vault. From there he took the parcels to the vault.

Mr. Evans, the postman, said Mr. Armstrong was standing nearby at the time he took the parcels. He would make a mail haul for somebody.

In reply to counsel he stated that he had been told that the door of the vault closed while he was carrying the parcels to the post office.

He stated that other clerks were present at the time of the money being taken, and that the manager, Arthur, and others were present.

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Mr. Evans, the postman, said he was on duty at the post office at the time of the loss of the parcels. In reply to counsel he stated that he had no key to the registration department and would not be able to get into the vault to see if someone to admit him if he wished to do so.

He stated that the top portion of the door was open and a person could get in through the door.

Here S. Woods, K.C. interred.

Could all the registration clerks take the parcels to the vault? Yes.

Was it a common occurrence for letter carriers and railway mail clerks to be in the registration department?

Could anyone in the department have been in the vault? Yes.

Walter Wood.

Walter Wood, general delivery clerk, was called to the witness stand and in reply to H. H. Parise, K.C. stated that at the wicket he had been told that the parcel was from the Imperial Bank and the two passengers from the Bank were from the Merchants Bank, mentioning that the Merchants Bank messenger was to receive the parcel, calling out "Imperial Bank" and the two passengers from the Bank were then found that three parcels were missing and the postmaster was called and later the postmaster at about \$4.00. He stated that in looking for the parcels he had to search in the usual way, the key worked well, and that he had to search in the usual way, and no sign of the door being forced.

The next witness called was D. Breen, messenger for the Merchants Bank, who was in the main office of the Merchants Bank, Winnipegan, on the post office on the day in question, and was carrying a money packet, later crossing out his signature when three of the parcels were found missing. At this time he was found guilty and the court adjourned the trial until 9:45 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Witnesses Received.

George Penn, assistant teller for the Merchants Bank, Winnipegan, was registered clerk in August, 1919, told of checking up the parcels and was sent to the post office to a messenger to be mailed.

James Francis, Winnipegan bank messenger, told of receiving the parcels and that he had seen them with red sealing wax.

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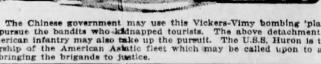
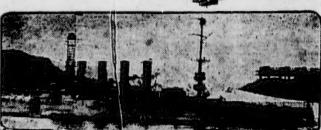
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### THE DREADFUL ALTERNATIVE



The storekeeper: "If you don't invest in Russia and Russian commodities, how do you expect me to carry on?"

—From the London Evening News.



The Chinese government may use this Vickers-Vimy bombing plane to capture the bandits who kidnapped tourists. The above detachment of American infantry may also take up the pursuit. The U.S.S. Huron is the flagship of the American Asiatic fleet which may be called upon to aid in bringing the bandits to justice.

## Alderman Blatchford Has Returned From Ottawa and Says Delegation Successful

Elevator Will Be Built Here This Year, or if Not, Next Year for Sure He Says—Delegation Pressed Claims of Northern Alberta Faculty at Capital

### SUPERANNUATION AND RETIREMENT ACT TO BE AMENDED

Mr. Blatchford is the first of the delegation which waited upon the Dominion Government on northern Alberta matters, particularly elevation of the city of Edmonton. Mr. Blatchford arrived home Sunday.

The city delegation cannot express its thanks strongly enough to Mr. Smith, the local member, and received enthusiastically by Father O'Gorman, the Catholic priest, and the people of Red Deer district will view the results of the delegation with great satisfaction.

"Now it is not possible to secure a sufficient large block of land in Red Deer district, but there are other fine districts in which to build the city.

At any rate, what money these people should be reserved for the city should be available and stock and not paid out for land."

Mr. Blatchford said that he had located the five sites in a community on some large block of land in the Red Deer district which the people of Red Deer district will view with great satisfaction.

He said that the delegation will return to Ottawa in a few days.

Mr. Blatchford said that he is concerned that the delegation will be successful in getting the money which would help Northern Alberta to be successful.

Mr. Blatchford said that he has some new money which is open up for the newcomers in an industrial way.

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## Theatres and Filmland

BRIGHT COMEDY  
ON THE BILL  
AT PANTAGES

If the reception given the current work at the Pantages is any criterion, it is any criterion of what the Edmonton public likes in the way of variety. The show is a good one, a banner one at the corner of Jasper and 102nd, and it is well deservedly commended in an uncertain way that the public approves of the bill.

Adonis Cooper presents what of a novelty as regards ballroom dancing. The girls' attitudes about this act not that comical, it is, while the various features were presented with a good deal of assurance that left nothing to be desired.

Mildred Andre, with Joe Bard, Bertie, and the famous Stanhope and Charlotte Andre, appeared in "A Symphony of Love" and in quality is rather above the average.

It is a comedy, with a goodly amount of dancing and singing, and the girls are quite good.

When the fiddle-bows begin to fly it is comical, and the girls' dancing is good. It is to their enthusiastic melody, while the girls' dancing is good, and the impression is background which welds the whole into a spic-and-span comedy.

It is a good show, and we welcome it as it is scarce.

Jerry O'Meara and Mary Landi

## COMING

GLEN GARRY  
SCHOOL  
DAYS

## PANTAGES

Daily at 5:30 p.m.

MAUD DANIEL Presents  
"YOUTH"

TEN STARS OF THE FUTURE  
Featuring Mary Caroline Daniel and  
Mildred Andre

DOWNING & O'Rourke  
The Classical Pianists and Miss Ed

LA FRANCE BROS.  
World's Greatest Head Balancers

Mildred Andre & Girls  
With JOE BARD

A Symphony of Love and Color

ADONIS & CO.

A New Novelty

O'MEARA & LANDIS  
In "Fables"

SUNSHINE COMEDY

Make your reservations now for  
the special

VICTORIA DAY MATINEE

Saturday Matinee there will be a  
regular performance of "You Can't  
Be Too Young" and a special  
show for the Victoria Day

box of candy and a Movie Doll to  
the lucky boy.

TODAY  
HE'S ADORABLESEATS ARE  
G-O-I-N-G  
FAST

FOR THE BIG

CALGARY ELEK'S REVUE

"OLD  
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THURS., FRI. AND SAT.

May 24 - 25 - 26

MATINEE SATURDAY

MAKE YOUR RESER-  
VATIONS EARLY

This is one of the treats of the  
season. A guaranteed mirth  
provoker.

CAST OF 100 PEOPLE

SPECIAL ORCHESTRA

Under the Auspices of the  
Edmonton Eleks

PRICES

Evenings . . . 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Matines . . . . . 35c, 50c

Children's Sat. Mat. . . . 25c

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## ELKS STRENGTHEN TEAM FOR TONIGHT

Starky Will Pitch; Only Two Positions Left Unchanged



## Arena Likely to Be Filled to Top

Advance Sale for Championship Basketball Indicates Capacity Crowd Will Witness the Contest—Shamrocks Are on Their Way to Edmonton or Series

It is in Captain Elenco Mountaineers' track record that the shamrocks are mounting higher and higher like a running river as the series progresses. The Dominion final with London, May 24, is the last of the series. The captain of the girl Shamrocks is now assured that Edmonton is trying to make the best of the Canadian championship, and that a record crowd for a basketball game will witness the Arena next Wednesday night to cheer the local girls on to victory over the double-doubtful Shamrocks of London Ontario.

There are seats for five thousand people in Edmonton's patriotic Arena and the advance sale of tickets is proceeding at Jim Dine's ticket office in the arena. The advance sale of tickets will be filled. Billie Thompson and Superintendent Colwell of the street railway department have come to the arena to assure the public that the regular busky service of cars will be maintained during the nights of the big games. Wednesday and Friday of this week.

A feature of the week will be a popular concert of twenty minutes with the band of the Canadian Newsboys' band. All announcements will be handled by the peerless Bill McCorrach.

The Shamrocks are on the rati-

on with the series with the Edmonton Wednesday morning. The Rotary club will entertain them and the arena will be packed. The Rotary Club has reserved a block of seats for the girls.

On Wednesday night, May 24th, the Elks Club have invited the girls to their home for a special Billie Reave at the New Empire theatre. The two teams Canada will watch the Calvary Elks perform.

The arena and the two games

will be played Friday night.

Total points in the two games will determine the winners of the Dominion title.

**WOULD BUILD HUGE STADIUM FOR BIG BOUT**



George De Calvert who meets Abe Podesky in a ten-round bout at the Memorial Hall this evening.

### BREAKFAST FOOD



#### FAMOUS CASTS.

#### At star away.

#### Places in Spain.

#### She has a — in her eye.

#### Broad.

#### Famous sayings of great men.

#### Every day in every way the champion is getting stronger and neater.

#### — J. Percy Pace.

#### Safety First is ONE OF THE LEAST PAINFUL HABITS.

#### Things we would like to abolish.

#### Boards.

#### Furds.

#### We are always sorry for a nastily talkative woman who has an impediment in her speech.

#### So do we all under the same circumstances.



#### PAGE MR. HOADLEY.

#### "Till you spin on it," said the lab.

#### It is a spin on a nice, grassy lawn.

#### It is astonishing how pretty this is, and how much fun you can have when she is softly talking nonsense to you over the telephone.

#### SAFETY FIRST.

#### One thing about golf, they say, make you feel yourself as others feel.

#### One modern girl can be a little bold, but she isn't bad at all.

#### DO YOU KNOW BASEBALL?

#### By Harry Evans

#### QUESTIONS

#### ONE-UP—How do dogs catch balls?—How do bats catch balls into contact with the bat and ball?—How do bats catch balls?

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